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Garage.com Receives \$12 million Investment from E*TRADE, ATV, Mayfield Fund, and Credit Suisse First Boston Technology Group

Web-based Firm Raises More Than \$60 Million for 20 Technology Startups in 1999

Palo Alto, California, September 13, 1999 -- Garage.com, a Web-based early-stage venture financing firm, today announced it has successfully completed a \$12 million round of financing led by E*TRADE Group (NASDAQ: EGRP) with additional investments from Advanced Technology Ventures, Mayfield Fund, Credit Suisse First Boston Technology Group, and other investors. Garage.com will use the funds to continue to expand its operations from Silicon Valley, Boston, and Seattle into high tech centers throughout the United States and around the world.

"The private equity market is experiencing explosive growth. Thousands of talented entrepreneurs in garages around the world need seed capital to get their companies up and running," said Guy Kawasaki, CEO of Garage.com.

"Garage.com successfully partners talented entrepreneurs with strategic investors, helping them build great high tech companies. The additional capital from E*TRADE and our other investors allows us to grow rapidly, expand into high tech corridors around the world, and further reinforces Garage.com's position as a leader in this market."

Garage.com, through its wholly-owned broker/dealer subsidiary, Garage.com Securities, has helped 20 technology startup companies raise more than \$60 million in seed capital since January 1, 1999. Among the recently funded startups are iCopyright, Korobra, Tripwire Security Systems, Startups.com, Virtualis, and WebOrder.

Garage.com Powers High Tech Startups

Garage.com uses the Web to match high-quality entrepreneurs

with experienced high tech venture investors. A network of leading professional service firms including PricewaterhouseCoopers, ABD Services, Venture Law Group, Silicon Valley Bank, and Heidrick & Struggles supports Garage.com and its startups.

"Garage.com will provide E*TRADE with access to a steady stream of high-quality startup investment opportunities," said Tom Bevilacqua, E*TRADE's executive vice president of corporate development and strategic investments. "E*TRADE will leverage Garage.com's proven ability to identify emerging trends in technology and investment strategies, and together we will work to create new services for our customers."

About Garage.com

Garage.com offers entrepreneurs and investors an innovative, Web-based approach to high tech and medical sciences venture financing and investing. In conjunction with its broker/dealer affiliates, garage.com helps entrepreneurs attract the high quality investors they need, and investors find the outstanding startups they want to fund. Founding sponsors of Garage.com include Venture Law Group, Advanced Technology Ventures, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Microsoft, ABD Services, Credit Suisse First Boston Technology Group, Heidrick & Struggles, and Silicon Valley Bank. Find out more by visiting <http://www.garage.com/inTheNews.shtml>.

About E*TRADE

E*TRADE, a global leader in online personal financial services, has emerged as the world's most-visited online investing site. The content-rich destination E*TRADE Web site offers value-added investing and research features, premium customer service, and a fully redundant, proprietary Stateless Architecture(SM) infrastructure. E*TRADE intends to expand its global positioning by launching branded Web sites in the top 20 financial markets worldwide. E*TRADE Securities Inc. (Member NASD/SIPC), and its parent company, E*TRADE Group Inc., are headquartered in Menlo Park, Calif.

About Advanced Technology Ventures

Advanced Technology Ventures is a leading bi-coastal venture capital firm focusing on opportunities in information technology and health care. ATV's management experience, technology expertise, global network of industry contacts, and collaborative style has helped more than 100 companies navigate from inception to IPO and beyond. With more than

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About Mayfield Fund

Mayfield Fund is a private venture capital partnership based in Menlo Park, California. Since Mayfield's founding in 1969, the firm has invested in more than 300 companies and has taken approximately 85 companies public. Today, these Mayfield-backed companies represent an aggregate market value of more than \$100 billion. A partial list of Mayfield's portfolio companies include: BroadVision, Inc; Citrix Systems; Compaq Computers; Legato Systems, Inc.; Millennium Pharmaceuticals; Redback Networks; and Third Voice, Inc. Find out more by visiting <http://www.mayfield.com/>.

About Credit Suisse First Boston

Credit Suisse First Boston is a leading global investment banking firm, providing comprehensive financial advisory, capital raising, sales and trading, and financial products for users and suppliers of capital around the world. It operates in over 60 offices across more than 30 countries and has over 14,000 employees. For the year ended December 31, 1998, CSFB had \$6.7 billion in revenues, \$7.1 billion in equity, and \$291 billion in assets. The Firm is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Zurich-based Credit Suisse Group.

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